PRESIDENT: That does not arise as a supplementary question now.

Over-time allowances in the Government Press.

122. ✻**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of compositors in the Government Press in 1104 and in 1110;

(*b*) the number of proof-readers and examiners in 1104 and in 1110;

(*c*) whether the number of proof-readers and examiners has been increased with the increase in the number of compositors;

(*d*) whether the same principle is followed in granting over-time allowances to compositors, proof-readers and examiners and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 114 in Karkatakam 1104, and 129 in Karkatakam 1110.

(*b*) Eleven examiners including the Head Examiner and eleven proof-readers both in 1104 and 1110.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Compositors, who belong to the piece-work staff, are not entitled to any over-time allowance. The proof-readers and examiners are given from 1-7-1108 fixed local allowance in lieu of over-time they are getting.

(*e*) The change was made with a view to reduce expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the numbers, 114 and 129 given in part (*a*) of the answer, represent the number of permanent compositors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No; there are only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In 1104?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): All along, there has been only 99 permanent compositors in the Government Press.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does not the member think that an increase in the number of compositors will necessitate an increase in the number of examiners and proof-readers also?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why a proportionate increase was not made in the number of examiners and proof-readers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent, Government Press, considered that it would be enough if the additional work was distributed among the existing hands, they being paid over-time allowance for such extra work.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

123. ✻**MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether they have received memorials in connection with the construction of a bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal in Kommady ; and

(*b*) if so, how many and with what result ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads. Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Four. The recast estimate and plan received from the Division Officer are being scrutinised in the Chief Engineer's Office.

MR K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know the date on which the recast estimate and plan were submitted by the Division Officer ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : In February 1935, I think.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapzha II*) : May I know the amount of the estimate ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Rs. 8450.

MR, K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to take up the work without further delay ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads. Buildings and Irrigation*) : It is a question of funds.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) ; May I ask whether the estimate and plan were prepared when the Government had no funds ?

PRESIDENT : That is hypothetical.

Land Revenue administration of the Kalloopara pakuthi.

124 ***MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR** (*Tiruvalla II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the inhabitants of Kalloopara *pakuthi* regarding the grievances of the tax-payers in connection with the land revenue administration of the *pakuthi* ;

(*b*) whether they have received any memorials in that connection from the natives of the *pakuthi* ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the number of memorials received during the last 15 years (1096-1110) ; and

(*d*) the action taken by the Government thereon till the date on which this question is answered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) As the labour involved in collecting the information is out of proportion to its utility, Government do not propose to collect it.

(*d*) Government have ordered that registers and accounts maintained in the Sirkar Pakuthi Cutcherries should be kept in the Kalloopara Pakuthi also; that the Jamabandi officers should inspect the Pakuthi at the time of their annual Jamabandi inspections and that the Tahsildar

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